Highways, Major District Roads and other District Roads network in Tamil Nadu.

(d) No amount has been released so far.

(e) The tender process for these works is in a preliminary stage.

Upgradation of Highways in Assam

1847. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Assam Government for upgradation of State Highways into National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) to (c) All the proposals received from different States and Union Territories including those received from Assam for declaration of new National Highways were returned to the respective States and Union Territories. New National Highways are not being declared due to fund constraints.

Corruption in Highway Construction Project

1848. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received a confidential letter in November, 2002 from a concerned citizen a Deputy General Manager in the National Highway Authority and made revelations about contractor mafia, loot and extreme corruption in the Union Government's Highways Construction Projects;

(b) whether the complainant had implored that his name should be kept as secret;

(c) whether it is a fact that his name was revealed with the result that he had to pay with his life which he had feared; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?